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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 3,710,666; and
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,907,985.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the European Office Action.


Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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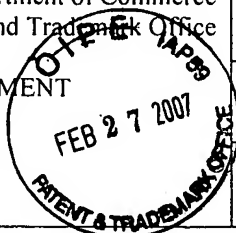
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